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SUBJECT: SOARES' PUERTO RICO-CUBA ANALOGY

REF: BRUSSELS 02634

1. REFTEL QUOTES SOARES AS SAYING PORTUGAL WISHES TO BECOME NEITHER A PUERTO RICO NOR A CUBA. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON HIS FIRST EUROPEAN EC SWING, SOARES MADE A SIMILIAR PUBLIC STATEMENT HERE.
2. FOR THE RECORD, I TOLD SOARES ON FEBRUARY 23 THAT I DISLIKED HIS REFERENCES TO PUERTO RICO. IN THE FIRST PLACE, HE KNEW THE USG HAD NO INTENTION OF SUBSTITUTING
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ITS INFLUENCE FOR EUROPEAN INFLUENCE IN PORTUGAL; TO THE CONTRARY, OUR POLICY WAS DESIGNED TO FOSTER CLOSER LINKS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND EUROPE. IN THE SECOND PLACE, WE HAD ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITH IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS ABOUT PUERTO RICO FROM THE COMMUNISTS IN THE THIRD WORLD, AND DIDN'T NEED ANY ADDITIONAL ONES FROM HIM. I FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT PUERTO RICO HAS A PER CAPITA INCOME

CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THAT OF PORTUGAL.

3. SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK, SOARES NOTED THAT I OBVIOUSLY FELT STRONGLY ABOUT THE SUBJECT. HIS STATEMENTS HAD BEEN DESIGNED STRICTLY FOR POLITICAL CONSUMPTION. HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POLICY WELL AND HAD SOME PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SITUATION IN PUERTO RICO SINCE HE SPENT SIX WEEKS THERE AS A VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY.

4. COMMENT: SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SOARES ABOUT PUERTO RICO. HOWEVER, I ASSUME THAT ANALOGY IS SIMPLY TOO APPEALING FOR HIM TO STOP USING IT IN PRIVATE.
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